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**NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

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Dear Sir:

Assignee, SpineCore, Inc., hereby notifies the Patent and Trademark Office that it is not entitled to status as a small entity, and that the claim for small entity status filed by the Applicant is hereby withdrawn.

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